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SPECIAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING

January 22, 1980

Time and Place: 9:00 - 9:45 a.m., White House Situation Room

Subject:

Argentina,

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Participants:

State

Deputy Secretary Christopher
David Newsom
Harold Saunders

Defense

Secretary Harold Brown
Graham Claytor

CIA

Admiral Turner
Frank Carlucci

JCS

General David Jones
Lt. General John Pustay

Vice President's Office
Denis Clift

White House

David Aaron
Hedley Donovan
Hamilton Jordan (briefly)
Lloyd Cutler

NSC

William Odom
Gary Sick
Thomas Thornton

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7. Argentina. General Goodpaster has agreed to go to Argentina tonight. ²✓ He will have a heavy series of briefings at State and the White House today. Mr. Claytor said that a finding that Argentina had made substantial progress on human rights (in connection with the Kennedy Amendment) would be extremely helpful. Others noted that the Kennedy Amendment merely established a deadline (October 1, 1978) for Argentinian performance on human rights but indicated no relief for subsequent improvement. Mr. Newsom noted that this amendment would be much harder to lift than the Symington Amendment on Pakistan. The Argentinian record is still very bad, and the Inter-American Human Rights Commission report which is coming out soon will be extremely derogatory. Mr. Aaron said that General Goodpaster must have something to encourage the Argentines to be helpful. The instructions for his trip are being ³✓ drafted and will be reviewed this afternoon. ⁴✓ State will take a new look at the legislation. We are prepared to be helpful to Argentina with respect to the UN Human Rights Commission. ^{3.5(c)}✓

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